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SUBJECT: GOH INVESTIGATION OF STAMP SCANDAL AFFECTS LOCAL
DIPLOMATIC CORPS

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1. SINCE JUSTICE SECRETARY JEANTY ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 8 THE SCANDAL INVOLVING THE SALE OF FALSE HAITIAN POSTAGE STAMPS BY J & H STOLOW INC., A NEW YORK STAMP DEALER, WHICH FOLLOWED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CABINET RESHUFFLE THE SAME DAY IN WHICH SERGE FOURCAND WAS DROPPED AS COMMERCE & INDUSTRY SECRETARY, MANY EMBASSIES, INCLUDING THE ARGENTINIAN, BRAZILIAN, CANADIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN AND SPANISH, HAVE FOUND GOH GUARDS, USUALLY PLAINSCLOTHES, CONFIDENTIAL

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AT THE GATES OF THEIR CHANCERIES AND SOMETIMES RESIDENCES.

HOWEVER, THE US EMBASSY OR ITS EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED.

2. CANADIAN CHARGE AGNES, ALREADY HAVING DIFFICULTIES WITH INTERIOR SECRETARY BLANCHET OVER GETTING RESIDENCE PERMITS FOR HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN IN HAITI, IS THE MOST OUTSPOKEN DIPLOMATIC MISSION CHIEF IN HIS DENUNCIATIONS OF THE GUARDS' HARRASSMENT OF THOSE SEEKING ACCESS TO BOTH HIS CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE. ONLY CANADIAN EMBASSY VEHICLES ARE BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CHANCERY GROUNDS, EMBASSY LOCALS ARE BEING HARASSED, AND EVEN CANADIANS SEEKING ENTRY ARE QUESTIONED AND ASKED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. HE SAID SEVERAL CANADIANS ARE FURIOUS AT THIS TREATMENT, AND AGNES FEELS IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE CANADIAN PRESS WILL GET WIND OF THE STORY.

3. AGNES SAID THAT PROTOCOL OFFICIALS AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSISTED THAT THE GUARDS WERE FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO A CANADIAN REQUEST FOR PROTECTION FOLLOWING THE KIDNAPPING OF FORMER US AMBASSADOR KNOX, WHICH AGNES TESTILY POINTED OUT OCCURRED IN JANUARY 1973. AGNES REPLIED THAT HE CERTAINLY WISHED NO SUCH PROTECTION NOW, AND REMINDED PROTOCOL THAT CANADA IS NOT A PARTY TO ANY AGREEMENTS RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF ASYLUM IN EMBASSIES. HE ADMITTED PRIVATELY TO US, HOWEVER, THAT PRESUMABLY THE GOH KNEW THAT NEVERTHELESS CANADA ACCORDED ASYLUM TO MANY CHILEAN FOLLOWING THE COUP IN SANTIAGO. HE ALSO PROTESTED THE GUARDS' HARASSMENT OF ALL PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS WITH HIS EMBASSY, AND OF INVITED GUESTS SEEKING ADMISSION TO HIS RESIDENCE ON SOCIAL OCCASIONS. AGNES SAID THAT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN OTTAWA LAST WEEK CALLED IN GOH AMBASSADOR CANTAVE TO PROTEST GOH HARASSMENT OF ITS EMBASSY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. AGNES GLOOMILY COMMENTED THOUGH THAT GIVEN BLANCHET'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD CANADIANS, ANY COMPLAINTS THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY BRUTUS MAY RELAY TO BLANCHET WILL FALL ON DEAF EARS UNLESS AND UNTIL PRESIDENT DUVALIER OVERRULES BLANCHET.

4. SO FAR THE CANADIANS ARE THE ONLY ONES KNOWN TO BE TAKING A STRONG STAND ON THE GUARDS, THE OTHERS APPARENTLY SATISFIED THAT IT WILL BE BRIEF PHENOMENON ASSOCIATED ONLY WITH THE MANHUNT FOR PERSONS INVOLVED WITH THE POSTAGE STAMP SCANDAL. THERE ARE NO GUARDS OUTSIDE THE FRENCH AND GERMAN CHANCERIES, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE APPEARED AT THE GERMAN RESIDENCE AND BRIEXQY DISTURBED

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GUESTS AT THE FRENCH COUNSELOR'S RESIDENCE. SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALZINA DE BOSCHI REPORTED THAT A WELL DRESSED MAN WAVING A HAND GUN ATTEMPTED TO ENTER HIS CAR LAST WEEK WHILE IT WAS STOPPED FOR RED LIGHT AT A MAIN DOWNTOWN INTERSECTION. FORTUNATELY THE CAR DOORS WERE LOCKED, THE LIGHT CHANGED, AND THE MAN RAN OFF AS HIS DRIVER BEGAN MOVING THE CAR FORWARD. HE BELIEVES THE MAN WAS TRYING TO GAIN ENTRY IN ORDER TO SEEK ASYLUM, SINCE HIS CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE WERE GARDED, ALTHOUGH HAS NO PROOF

OF THIS.

5. COMMENT - THE POSTING OF GUARDS AT EMBASSIES IS CONSISTENT WITH PROTOCOL OFFICIAL MASSILLON'S COMMENTS MARCH 9 TO US CONSUL WILSON THAT THE GOH MOMENTARILY CONSIDERED CALLING IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO URGE THAT NO EMBASSY GIVE ASYLUM TO ANYONE SEEKING TO EVADE CRIMINAL CHARGES IN THE STAMP SCANDAL (PAUP 551, PARA 5). IT IS ALSO NOT SURPRISING THAT BLANCHET MIGHT USE THE OCCASION TO AMPLIFY HIS SEEMING VENDETTA WITH THE CANADIAN EMBASSY. WHAT IS LESS CLEAR IS JUST WHOM THE GOH IS STILL LOOKING FOR THAT IT WOULD RESORT TO HARASSING FOREIGN EMBASSIES. IT HAS LONG SINCE INTERROGATED, DETAINED OR ARRESTED THE FOLLOWING:

(A.) FORMER COMMERCE SECRETARY FOURCAND.

(B.) HIS FATHER, NOE FOURCAND, A LAWYER, FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BANK, AND FINANCE SECRETARY (1948-50) UNDER PRESIDENT ESTIME.

(C.) DR. JACQUES FORCAND, REPUTEDLY A COUSIN, WHO UNTIL AUGUST 1973 WAS A PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ADVISOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. HE IS, HOWEVER, MOST RENOWNED AS A LEADING TIM UNDER FRONCOIS DUVALIER AND FOR HIS VIOLENT SPEECHES IN 1963 PROMISING A "HIMALAYA OF BODIES" IF ANYONE TRIED TO OVERTHROW PAPA DOC. SUPPOSEDLY HE WAS ONE FO THE CONTACT MEN IN THE STAMP SCANDAL. HE IS ALSO BEING INVESTIGATED FOR POSSIBLY HAVING CAUSED THE DEATH OF FORMER DUVALIERIST POLITICIAN FREDERICK DESVARIEUX, WHO DIED IN FEB. 1975. DESVARIEUX ALLEGEDLY WAS BEING CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR FOURCAND AS COMMERCE SECRETARY.

(D.) FORMER 2ND LT. RHAUSSER DOMINGUE (ALSO GIVEN AS "OSNER DOMINIQUE"), AN INSPECTOR AT COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, DISMISSED TWICE FROM THE ARMED FORCES, ONCE FOR MISCONDUCT, AND FINALLY FOR COMPLICITY IN A MURDER AFTER HAVING BEEN REINSTATED TO HELP TRAIN THE LEOPARD BATTALION. DOMINGUE WAS ARRESTED AT THE SOCCER STADIUM EVENING MARCH 8, ABOUT THE TIME JEANTY MADE HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE STAMP SCANDAL.

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(E.) HARRY TIPPENHAUER, A LEADING HAITIAN INDUSTRIALIST. HE WAS ALLEGEDLY INVESTIGATED IN 1948 (SIC) FOR SOME MISUSE OF HAITIAN STAMPS, AND "YEARS AGO" WAS THE AGENT FOR A FOREIGN STAMP COMPANY. ONE SERVICE SECRET OFFICIAL SAID HIS POSSIBLE CONECTION WITH DRUG SMUGGLING IS ALSO BEING REINVESTIGATED, CLAIMING THAT HE KNEW LOCAL SMUGGLER SERGE BAZIN AND ANDRE LABAY, ARRESTED IN FRANCE IN 1971 FOR DRUG SMUGGLING. LABAY SUBSEQUENTLY CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED ONCE IN DRUG SMUGGLING OPERATIONS IN HAITI. AN EMPLOYEE CONFIRMED THAT TIPPENHAUER WAS ARRESTED AT HIS OFFICE MARCH 10. (COMMENT: TIPPENHAUER HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THIS EMBASSY, AND GENERALLY ENJOYS A GOOD BUSINESS REPUTATION, ALTHOUGH HE IS KNOWN AS A GO-BETWEEN, HIS BROTHER ERIC WAS EXECUTED IN 1963 FOR ALLEGED ANTI-GOH ACTIVITIES, YET TIPPENHAUER HIMSELF USUALLY ENJOYED FRANCOIS DUVALIER'S CONFIDENCE.)
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(F.) GEORGES SERRES, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN & DOMESTIC TRADE AT COMMERCE, WHOM SERGE FOURCAND TRANSFERRED TO COMMERCE FROM FINANCE, WHERE THEY HAD WORKED TOGETHER.

(G.) YVES JOSE, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND HANDICRAFTS AT COMMERCE.

(H.) TITO CALIXTE, ECONOMIST AT COMMERCE.

(I.) GERARD BOUCARD, DIRECTOR OF DARBOUCO, S.A., WHICH SELLS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

(J.) FNU PAPILLON, SAID TO BE A FORMER COMMERCE OFFICIAL.

(K.) ROGER LANDRISS (UNKNOWN).

(L.) SERGE ROCHA, WHO MAY HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO JEANTY IS THE LOCAL AGENT OF A SWISS PRINTING FIRM, HOSTILER, WHICH ALONG WITH THE SWISS FIRM IMPRESSOR S.A., ALLEGED HAD PRINGED FALSE STAMPS BEFORE FOR J & H STOLOW INC.

(M.) JOE BOUSSAU, HEAD OF A HAITING STAMP COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION.

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